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Dear Massachusetts Employer,

As you may know, the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration (ETA) and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security recently made changes, effective January 18, 2009, to the H-2A and H-2B programs for employing foreign workers in temporary or seasonal agricultural jobs, as well as non-agricultural jobs. The Massachusetts Department of Workforce Development, Division of Career Services (DWD/DCS) is developing new statewide processes and procedures in accordance with the regulations. Until you receive notification from our office, Massachusetts employers hiring H-2A and H-2B workers should continue to conduct employment eligibility verification as you do now. Once we complete our new systems we will provide you with additional information on changes to the H-2A and H-2B programs.

You may access the U.S. Department of Labor's website for instructions regarding new filing rules and procedures which are effective January 18, 2009, at [www.foreignlaborcert.doleta.gov](http://www.foreignlaborcert.doleta.gov). You may submit your questions on these rules and procedures to [H-2A.Regulation@dol.gov](mailto:H-2A.Regulation@dol.gov), or to [H-2B.Regulation@dol.gov](mailto:H-2B.Regulation@dol.gov). You may post your H-2B related job orders using *TalentQuest* at [www.mass.gov/eolwd](http://www.mass.gov/eolwd), and click on 'Post A Job'.

The DCS Foreign Labor Certification Program staff is working through this transition process, and may be reached as follows:

- H-2A program: Bill Parks at 617-626-5339 or Donna Gambon at 617-626-5053.
- H-2B program: Juanita Stein at 617-626-5312 or Alan Milkoff at 617-626-5331.

It has been a pleasure serving you over these past years.

Sincerely,

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